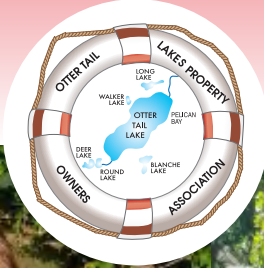


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If you do not receive a renewal form, you are encouraged to let us know immediately. Renewal forms can be found on page 3 please fill out and mail to: PO Box 21, Battle Lake, MN 56515 or you can visit

[www.OTLPOA.com](http://www.OTLPOA.com)

and under the membership section pay online.

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## OTTER TAIL LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (OTLPOA) MISSION STATEMENT

The object and purpose of this corporation shall be to promote the community welfare and civic development of all areas of Otter Tail County bordering on or approximate to the shoreline of Otter Tail Lake and such other land areas further removed therefrom as its members shall from time to time determine, and to assist the property owners within said area in the preservation of their civic areas and those of Otter Tail Lake itself, including the planting and promulgation of fish therein and the protection and preservation of wildlife on the land areas adjacent to Otter Tail Lake as may be determined by the members, to promote and develop the horticultural development of the areas described, to promote the cultural and social lives of the inhabitants of said area and to provide a vehicle by which legal or political problems common to the areas and the inhabitants thereof, including tax problems, may be resolved in any manner provided by law for the common welfare of the members of this corporation; and to that and this corporation may acquire by purchase or other means such real or personal property as may be necessary in carrying out its stated objectives and to mortgage or sell or exchange the same and to do any and all other acts permitted by the laws of the State of Minnesota in furtherance of its stated purposes.

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## president's corner

Roger Anderson | OTLPOA President



Hello everyone!

What a beautiful weekend on the lake for the Fourth of July celebration! The weekend blessed us with great weather, light winds and plenty of sunshine. I hope you all enjoyed your time with family and friends.

For those of you that were unable to attend our annual meeting on Saturday, June 25, here are the

highlights: We introduced our newest director, Jeremy Tysdal. Jeremy and his family live on the south end of Otter Tail Lake and is a very energetic person and has a passion for keeping our lakes clean and clear. He owns and operates Tysdal Construction and will be a great addition to our Board.

Our guest speakers for the morning were Howard Fullhart, Assistant Area Fisheries Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Division for the DNR and Jeff Moon and his associate, Jared from Otter Tail Sheriff's Department, Water Patrol. It was a very informative morning, and we thank our speakers for their time and knowledge.

Howard spoke briefly about the fish count conducted by the DNR last fall. The DNR conducts a fish count every three years that basically projects the numbers in each class of fish based on size. Overall, fish counts appear to be very good with continued hope that fishing will continue to be enjoyable on

our area lakes. He also provided information about the Otter Tail River Outlet Dam Modification Project. For more information, please contact Howard at Howard@state.mn.us.

Jeff and Jared reviewed many Minnesota water safety regulations for boating and fishing on our lakes. Please take the time to review these regulations at https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rfp/regulations/boatwater/boatingguide.pdf

OTLPOA Directors will be delivering this year's Lakeshore Directory over the next two weeks. Please note that your name may be listed by your last name, your first name or by your trust name if applicable.

As always, do your part to keep our lakes clean by draining, cleaning and drying your boats. Also, spread the word about OTLPOA – ask your friends to become members and get involved.

Enjoy the rest of this beautiful summer on our wonderful lakes!

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# MARK YOUR Calendars

July 28<sup>th</sup> | Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> | Oct 27<sup>th</sup>

Monthly  
Meetings  
now begin  
at 6:30pm

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Inc. 2022 Membership (Check one)

**Property Owner Member:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Associate Member:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owners Lake Property) (Does not own lake property or shares ownership)

**Name of Property Owner living  
at lake property address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Property** \_\_\_\_\_ House/Street # \_\_\_\_\_  
(this is the blue house number/street for your lake home) City/State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer "mailing" address (5/15 – 8/30):** \_\_\_\_\_ House/Street # \_\_\_\_\_  
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City/State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Email: (please print legibly)** \_\_\_\_\_  
Notification of date for tent caterpillar/worm spraying, updates of possible lake changing issues, etc. (If you don't personally have an email address, you can substitute one for a family member who will let you know of these notifications).

#### Annual Dues (Jan.-Dec.)

- Membership \$35.00
  - Foundation \$10.00
  - Worm Payment \$30.00
- Includes \$10 donation to OTLPOA Foundation* \$ 75.00

#### Additional support for the Foundation (tax deductible)

\$10.00 \_\_\_\_ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_ \$50.00 \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The OTLPOA Foundation was established to obtain financial resources to maintain water quality for recreation, fishing, and enjoyment when Government resources are not provided.

**(Total enclosed)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: OTLPOA and mail to: PO Box 21, Battle Lake, MN 56515  
Or visit [www.OTLPOA.com](http://www.OTLPOA.com) to pay by credit card (under the membership section)

**How can the association better serve you?** (On another sheet of paper)  
What lake related topic or issue is most important to you? How do you think our Association can help?

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Five issues of Lakeshore News

Lakeshore directory that is published every two years

Continental breakfast at the Annual Meetings

Representation at Minnesota Lakes & Rivers -&- Coalition of Lake Associations (which includes water testing of our lakes)

Establishment of AIS monitoring system (ILIDS)

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To report a violation, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, call toll-free 1-800-652-9093 or key in #TIP on your cell phone. Another option is to go online and fill out a form at

[www.dnr.state.mn.us/enforcement/tipreportingform.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/enforcement/tipreportingform.html).

## TAKE IT TO THE BOX

Tossing or flushing old medications can pollute water and harm fish or wildlife. Otter Tail County residents have a safe, anonymous and free disposal option that minimizes risks to health and safety – Take it to the Box! Old or unused prescription and over-the-counter medications can be safely disposed of at a Take it to the Box drop box location.

These secure drop boxes are located at various law enforcement centers throughout the county. The boxes are accessible during regular business hours: 8 am – 4:30 pm, M-F, unless posted otherwise.

### Locations

Otter Tail County Sheriff’s Office – 417 Court Street South – Fergus Falls  
Government Building – 118 N. Main Street – New York Mills  
Perham Police Department – 525 W. Main Street – Perham  
Parkers Prairie Police Department – 102 N. Otter Avenue – Parkers Prairie  
Ottertail Operations Center – 469 Main Street W. – Ottertail  
Pelican Rapids Police Department – 315 N. Broadway – Pelican Rapids  
Battle Lake Police Department – 108 E. Main – Battle Lake  
Henning Police Department – 607 2nd Street – Henning

### Instructions

The program is 100% anonymous, no questions asked. Please follow these basic instructions:

- Leave medication in the original container
- Black out or remove your personal information from the label
- Leave the name of the medication on the container
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# CLEAN IN CLEAN OUT

When boating or fishing in Minnesota, protect your waters by following state aquatic invasive species laws

Remember!

## clean

CLEAN all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland.

## drain

DRAIN water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait containers, motor) and drain bilge, livewell and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreline property. Keep drain plugs out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

## dispose

DISPOSE of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches, and worms, in the trash. It is illegal to release bait into a waterbody or release aquatic animals from one waterbody to another. If you want to keep your bait, you must refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.

## KNOW THE LAW: You may not...

- Transport watercraft without removing the drain plug.
- Arrive at lake access with drain plug in place.
- Transport aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited species on any roadway.
- Launch a watercraft with prohibited species attached.
- Transport water from Minnesota lakes or rivers.
- Release bait into the water.

## ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

## rinse

Spray, rinse, dry — Some invasive species are small and difficult to see at the access. To remove or kill them, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another waterbody, especially after leaving zebra mussel and spiny waterflea infested waters:

- Spray with high-pressure water
- Rinse with very hot water\*
- Dry for at least 5 days

Run motor and personal watercraft for a few seconds to discharge water before leaving a water access.

Transport fish on ice — be prepared, bring a cooler.

\* These water temperatures will kill zebra mussels and some other AIS: 120°F for at least 2 minutes; or 140°F for at least 10 seconds.

## report

Report new infestations

If you suspect a new infestation of an invasive plant or animal, take a photo and note the location, or save a specimen and report it to a local DNR invasive species contact.

[https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/preventspread\\_watercraft.html](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/preventspread_watercraft.html)

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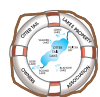
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Church Directory


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Worship 9:00 am

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Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays


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Worship 8:45 am  
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## Attract Beautiful Songbirds To Your Backyard

(StatePoint) Did you know that you can create a safe haven for wild song birds in your own backyard? By taking a few simple actions, you can provide birds with vital resources they need to thrive, as well as guard them from common flying hazards.

### Protect Them

Before inviting birds to your yard and garden with food and habitat, first take measures to protect them.

Unfortunately, millions of birds die annually by striking glass, making the windows and glass doors of your home a potential safety hazard. Help reduce the risk of bird strikes by applying special decals that reflect ultraviolet sunlight from your home's windows, particularly those highly reflective of open sky. Virtually invisible to humans, they keep birds safe without affecting your view.

The ones offered by WindowAlert, for example, give the appearance of slightly frosted translucent glass, but glow like a spotlight for birds. For fuller protection, supplement the decals with WindowAlert UV Liquid, making marble-sized dots to create a "visual barrier" across glass surfaces. To learn more, visit WindowAlert.com.

You can limit other hazards to birds by ensuring cats, dogs and other predatory (but otherwise adorable) pets are monitored while outside to prevent attacks. Dogs can be trained not to attack birds. If this proves to be an issue, consider consulting a professional dog trainer on how to break this bad habit.

### Feed Them

Birds in transit expend a lot of energy, but you can ease their hunt for food. Avoid the temptation to feed birds yesterday's bread. Stale breads that have developed mold could be potentially harmful to birds.

Instead, populate your garden with native flowering species and supply a bird feeder stocked with a variety of seeds. Strategic placement of a bird feeder is key in preventing bird strikes. Place your feeder either closer than three feet or farther than 30 feet from windows. Clean your feeder periodically to ensure its contents are fresh and free of potentially toxic mold.

Want to beautify your backyard naturally? By taking a few simple measures, you will give birds an incentive to visit!

## Heat Safety And Sun Protection

It's July and summer is finally here. Now that the temperatures have hit 90s plus keep these tips in mind:

- Drink plenty of water regularly, even if not thirsty, and avoid drinks that contain alcohol and caffeine.
- Watch for signs of heat stroke - hot, red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing. If it's suspected someone is suffering from heat stroke, call 9-1-1.

- Do not leave children or pets unattended in vehicles.
- Wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15, even on somewhat cloudy or cool days. Reapply every two hours.
- Limit exposure to direct sunlight between 10am and 4pm.
- Protect your eyes by wearing sunglasses that will absorb 100 percent of UV sunlight.

## Red Cross Swimming Lessons Fergus Falls Area Family YMCA Staff

Please check one in the column below and please circle the level.

June 27-July 1: Ottotail Lake, Amor Park  
\_\_\_ 3:15-3:45pm Level Preschool  
\_\_\_ 3:45-4:00pm Level 1 3/4  
\_\_\_ 4:05-4:50pm Level 2 5/6  
\_\_\_ 4:05-4:35pm Level Preschool

July 11-15: Ottotail Lake, Amor Park  
\_\_\_ 3:15-4:00pm Level 2 3  
\_\_\_ 3:45-4:45pm Level Preschool  
\_\_\_ 4:05-4:50pm Level 1 5/6

July 18-22: West Battle Lake  
\_\_\_ 3:15-4:00pm Level 1 2 3  
\_\_\_ 4:05-4:50pm Level 2 3  
\_\_\_ 4:05-4:35pm Level Preschool

July 25-29: West Battle Lake  
\_\_\_ 1:00-1:30pm Level Preschool  
\_\_\_ 1:00-1:45pm Level 1 3  
\_\_\_ 1:50-2:35pm Level 2 4 5/6  
\_\_\_ 2:50-3:35pm Level 1 2  
\_\_\_ 2:50-3:20pm Level Preschool  
\_\_\_ 3:40-4:25pm Level 1 2 3

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact Information

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work \_\_\_\_\_

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YMCA staff and Battle Lake Public School will take every step possible to provide adequate supervision. However, as with any physical activity, there is a certain amount of risk of injury. The participating individual, parent, or guardian agrees not to hold the YMCA, Battle Lake School, employees, contractors, and volunteers responsible for claims resulting from training, attendance in, or participation in swimming lessons.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions about specific swimming skills and placement in class, please contact Beth at 218-739-4489 ext. 211.

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# Lake Learning Clean Water Indicators

Submitted by Moriya Rufer

One way to determine water quality is to do clarity monitoring (Secchi depth) and chemical testing (phosphorus) in the lake. Another way to determine water quality is to look for clean water indicators. Using both water quality monitoring and clean water indicators is a good way to fully understand your lake's health and ecosystem. In science, two explanations that come to the same conclusion are better than one.

Clean water indicators are plants and animals that live in and around the lake and rely on it for survival. Organisms reflect their environment and live there year-round (in some form). Some animals are very tolerant to pollution, while others are very intolerant. Clean water indicators are the animals that are intolerant to pollution. If your lake never had these indicators, don't worry, it could be that they never lived there. The indicators mentioned below mainly apply to lakes over 50 feet deep in northern and north-central Minnesota. If you used to have these indicators and you don't have them any more, that's when you'll know that water quality has been impacted in some way.



## Mayfly

Many mayflies are filter feeders found in the soft silt or sand of streams and lakes. Because mayflies can't survive in water that lacks oxygen, they are good indicators of the amount of eutrophication (phosphorus). These mayflies are everywhere during one week in June and then they're gone. They all emerge as adults at the same time to increase their chance of mating successfully.



## Common Loon

Loons are diving birds that use their eyesight to capture their food. They need clear water and healthy fish populations. Also, in order to make nests and protect their young, they need undisturbed natural shoreline with tall vegetation. If your lake is ringed by manicured lawns, you may lose your loons due to lack of nesting areas.



## Tullibee/Cisco

Tullibee/Cisco are important forage species for the lake's game fish. They are mainly found in lakes over 60 feet deep, and they need highly oxygenated water to live. When lakes lose their Tullibee populations,

it can indicate increased eutrophication. The loss of Tullibee then affects game fish populations because they are a major food source. To find out if your lake has Tullibee, visit the DNR Lakefinder web site: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakdetrefind/index.html>. Look up your lake by name and county, and when your lake information comes up, click on "Fisheries Lake Survey". This page will show the DNR Fisheries report for your lake.



## Freshwater Mussels

Mussels filter oxygen and particles from the water, cleansing the water in the process and absorbing what they consume into their bodies and shells. It is for these reasons that mussels are sensitive to changes in their environment and serve as indicators of the health of our lakes and streams.

## Beware of Harmful Algae Blooms

With the intense heat of the past few days, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is asking people to be on the lookout for harmful algae blooms on lakes and rivers around the state. Be alert to the possible presence of toxic algae, which can be harmful to both people and animals. Blooms typically begin to form in hot, calm weather.

You can't tell by looking at algae if it's toxic. It may look like pea soup, green paint, or floating mats of scum, and it will sometimes have a bad smell. But harmful blooms aren't always large and dense and can sometimes cover small portions of the lake with little visible algae present. (See images of toxic algae blooms in Minnesota on the MPCA Flickr account.) Take a close look at the water and the shoreline before diving in, to try to determine if a bloom recently happened.

"If it looks and smells bad, don't take a chance. We usually tell people: If in doubt, stay out," says Pam Anderson, MPCA Water Quality Monitoring Manager. "If you're not sure, it's best for people and pets to stay out of the water." If you do come in contact with blue-green algae, wash off with fresh water immediately, paying special attention to the areas your swim suit covers. Rinse off pets with fresh water, too, and keep them out of algae that has accumulated on shore.

People can become sick from swallowing or having skin contact with water that has toxic algae, or by breathing tiny droplets of water in the air. In most people, symptoms are mild and may include vomiting, diarrhea, rash, eye irritation, cough, sore throat, and headache.

Degradation of our lakes and rivers from runoff of silt and chemicals as well as physical changes from damming, channelization, and dredging, have taken their toll on native mussels in North America. In addition, invasive zebra mussels can out-compete native mussels and displace them from their native areas.

In summary, fish, birds and other aquatic organisms need a healthy habitat to survive. To maintain a healthy lake ecosystem, this habitat needs to be preserved. If these clean water indicator species disappear from your lake, it could indicate a water quality problem. Decreases in water quality and the loss of habitat and spawning sites for game species are often the primary mechanisms that create opportunities for "less popular" fish species (bullhead, carp) and aquatic invasive species. The best way to avoid this is to protect habitat where game fish spawn and rear their young. Also, to protect fish and bird food sources such as invertebrates, aquatic insects, and aquatic plants.

*Enjoy the lakes! This article was written and shared by Moriya Rufer at RMB Environmental Laboratories as part of continuing education for their Lakes Monitoring Program (218-846-1465, [lakes@rmbel.info](mailto:lakes@rmbel.info)). To learn more, visit [www.rmbel.info](http://www.rmbel.info).*

However, dogs are more likely than people to get sick or even die after contact with harmful algae blooms, in part because they are smaller. Dogs are also more willing to wade into lakes with algal scum. Dogs tend to swallow water while swimming, and lick their coats afterwards, swallowing algae on their fur. Dogs exposed to blue-green algae can experience symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, rash, difficulty breathing, general weakness, liver failure, and seizures. If your dog has symptoms after visiting a lake, seek veterinary care immediately. Several dog deaths in the state have been attributed to toxic algae.

A few years ago, the Tagte family lost their dog, Copper, after he played in Prairie Lake in Sherburne County. Testing later showed toxic algae in the lake water.

Some cities, counties, or even resorts with popular beaches on lakes that are prone to harmful algae blooms may wish to test for toxic algae during the summer season. The MPCA has recently developed guidance and tools to help beach managers choose monitoring strategies and communicate with users about limiting their risk of exposure to harmful algae blooms. Learn more on the Harmful algae blooms: Water recreation advisories page.

Learn more about harmful algae blooms on the Blue green algae and harmful algae blooms page. Visit the Minnesota Department of Health's Harmful Algal Blooms page to report human or animal illnesses you suspect were caused by toxic algae.

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Otter Tail County has an ordinance called the Otter Tail County Animal Health & Control Ordinance (adopted 11-1-89). The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public from animals with a history of inflicting bodily injury upon humans and to protect the public from animals from exposure to rabies.

**Quarantine:** Animals identified as inflicting bodily injury to humans or other animals shall be quarantined by the County Health Department of Sheriff's Office.

This quarantine shall be for at least ten (10) days, and the animal shall be held in a holding pen at the Otter Tail County Humane Society or at the office of veterinarian, unless the Health Department or Sheriff's Office determines that the animal can be properly held on the

owner's premises. If the animal shows any symptoms of illness during the time of the quarantine an examination shall be made by a designated veterinarian and a report filed with the County Health Department. All animals released from quarantine shall be immunized for rabies unless current vaccination can be documented.

**Bite History:** Any animal inflicting bodily injury on two or more occasions or substantial bodily harm on one or more occasions is hereby declared a danger to public safety. Written notice that the animal constitutes a danger to the public safety shall be served personally or by certified mail upon the owner or person in possession of the animal. The notice shall indicate the time and place of a hearing to determine if the animal should be euthanized or dealt with in some other way to insure the protection of the public.

Enforcement of the above ordinance can include a misdemeanor, citation, equitable relief and expenses.

Please be considerate, if your pet is aggressive make sure they are completely under control at all times. That could be your child or grandchild that is bitten.

### Minnesota Statutes

#### 347.22 DAMAGES, OWNER LIABLE.

If a dog, without provocation, attacks or injures any person who is acting peaceably in any place where the person may lawfully be, the owner of the dog is liable in damages to the person so attacked or injured to the full amount of the injury sustained. The term "owner" includes any person harboring or keeping a dog but the owner shall be primarily liable. The term "dog" includes both male and female of the canine species.

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**2022 Calendar of Events**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Jul 20-23 | West Otter Tail County Fair (Fergus Falls)                 |
| Jul 21-24 | East Otter Tail County Fair (Perham)                       |
| Jul 22-24 | Wenonga Days (Battle Lake)                                 |
| Jul 24    | Wenonga Days 5K/10K Run & Walk (Battle Lake)               |
| Jul 24    | West Central Jr. Livestock Show (Fergus Falls)             |
| Jul 28    | OTLPOA Board Meeting                                       |
| Aug 4-6   | WE Fest (Detroit Lakes)                                    |
| Aug 5-7   | Parkers Prairie Fall Festival and Bull Ride                |
| Aug 6     | Rail Trails 100 Bike Tour (Fergus Falls)                   |
| Aug 12-13 | Silver Sage Rodeo 1st Annual PRCA                          |
| Aug 12-14 | Vergas Looney Days   |
| Aug 12    | Otter Chaos Demo Derby (Ottertail City)                    |
| Aug 13    | Art & Craft Affair (Battle Lake)                           |
| Aug 13    | Otter Fest (Ottertail City)                                |
| Aug 13-14 | Perham Pioneer Days  |
| Aug 25    | OTLPOA Board Meeting                                       |
| Aug 26-27 | Barnsville Potato Days Festival                            |
| Sep 3     | Anna Lake Animal Sanctuary 4th Annual Festival (Underwood) |
| Sep 10    | Deep Roots Festival (Pelican Rapids)                       |
| Sep 22    | OTLPOA Board Meeting                                       |
| Oct 27    | OTLPOA Board Meeting                                       |

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These are some pictures from the east area of Blanche Lake in which an abundant amount of seaweed accumulated after the storm...no one has ever remembered having this much accumulation on seaweed on their beaches. It covered the area of around eight properties and was at least four feet deep in most areas. We had to call a harvester, who worked all day harvesting the seaweed.

SUBMITTED BY K WENTZ

THANKS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR PHOTOS!  
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LAND TRANSFERS  
JUNE & JULY 2022

| Township       | Lake      | Date    | Grantor                      | Grantee                      | Sale Price | Property Type |
|----------------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Amor Twp       | OTTERTAIL | 6/6/22  | GREGORY FRY                  | ERIC & WENDY PENNINGTON      | 175000     | Seasonal Rec  |
| Everts Twp     | ROUND     | 6/7/22  | PATRICIA CAROLYN GARZA       | DEBORAH HALE & DANIEL PRINCE | 399900     | Residential   |
| Everts Twp     | ROUND     | 7/11/22 | PAMELA PEDERSON              | TRAVIS & NICOLE HANSEN       | 270000     | Seasonal Rec  |
| Everts Twp     | ROUND     | 7/13/22 | JAMES STIMMLER               | ROBIN JOHANSEN               | 175000     | Seasonal Rec  |
| Otter Tail Twp | LONG      | 6/30/22 | MISTY A & DANIEL L GUSTAFSON | JASON & HEIDI MURRAY         | 190000     | Seasonal Rec  |
| Otter Tail Twp | OTTERTAIL | 6/30/22 | MARK S ANDERSLAND            | DAVID & AMANDA BUSH          | 445000     | Seasonal Rec  |
| Otter Tail Twp | OTTERTAIL | 7/11/22 | DAVID C & AMY C NATHE        | MARISA & RICHARD COLE        | 410000     | Residential   |



# Maplewood State Park



## PARK HIGHLIGHTS

- Camping
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Horseback Trails

## HORSE CAMPING:

Campsites in the equestrian campgrounds can be reserved by phone or online. Some sites are able to accommodate additional campers (up to three). Please contact the park for approval. To reserve by phone, call 866-85PARKS.

## FIREWOOD RESTRICTIONS INFORMATION:

Minnesota has enacted legislation that restricts firewood being brought to or used on DNR lands. Complete information and lists of vendors and locations where approved firewood is available are posted on the DNR Web site.

## BIRDERS:

Bird Checklist available on our website for Maplewood State Park.



- The maple forest turns brilliant shades of orange, gold, and red in the fall.
- Eight major lakes and many ponds offer water lovers places to swim, fish, boat, and simply relax.
- Lake Lida has a sandy beach and large picnic areas for visitors.
- Drive along the scenic route to observe the wildlife: the park is host to 150 bird species and 50 species of mammals.
- The extensive trail system attracts hikers, horseback riders, and cross-country skiers.
- The only entrance to the park is located off highway 108 east of Pelican Rapids.

## Lodging

- Camper Cabins, 5 cabins. Three year-round cabins with electricity; one of these is wheelchair accessible. Also one seasonal cabin with electricity and one seasonal cabin without electricity. The accessible cabin sleeps 5; the other four cabins sleep 6. Pets not allowed. More information on camper cabins.

## Recreation Facilities

- Picnic Area with picnic shelter
- Picnic Shelter Open Shelter Available for rent.
- Golf Course 3 within 10 miles

## Camping

- Drive-in Sites, 71 sites
- Electric Sites, 32 sites
- RV Length Limit 50' Length is measured from front of tow vehicle to rear of vehicle being towed.
- Backpack Sites, 3 sites
- Horse Camp, 24 sites, 200 Maximum Capacity. For reservations, contact the state park reservation service by phone or online. Some sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Group Camp, 1 Site - Accommodates up to 30 people. Site located in a remote, semi-wooded area between Bass and Beers Lakes. Vault toilets available. Water is approximately ½ mile away. Drive-in site that will accommodate tents, small trailers, or campers.

**When staff are present, the Ranger Station will be open intermittently open for window service. No official office hours currently available. Use the self-registration kiosk at the park office. Leave a message if you get our voicemail, and we'll call you back.**

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**SHOWERS:** Closed for season until May 13, 2022. Showers are wheelchair accessible.

**DUMP STATION:** None.

**CAMPGROUNDS:** Cart-in campground is open year-round. Camper Cabins and Yurts are open year-round, but just weekends between November 1 and March 31. The group camp is closed until May 13, 2022. Canoe sites are closed for season until April 29, 2022.

**ELECTRIC SITES:** One RV electric site is available after October 4 by calling the park. All camper cabins have electricity. *Special Notes for RV Campers: There is no RV camping in park in summer.*

**TRAIL NOTES:** The park has 11 miles of hiking trail, 5.2 miles of surfaced bike trail and 3.2 miles of mountain bike trails. In winter, park maintains 8 miles of groomed, easy to intermediate level cross-country ski trails. Snowshoeing is allowed alongside but not on groomed ski trails.

**SEASON RENTALS:** Bicycle, rowboat, canoe, kayak, paddleboat, and stand up paddleboard rental is open until October 25, 2021. Winter rentals (cross-country skis and snowshoes) are not available.

Nestled in the transition zone between prairie and hardwood forest, Glendalough offers a true respite from civilization. Crystal clear Annie Battle Lake is a 335-acre, non-motorized "Heritage Fishery" that provides a tranquil fishing experience second to none. Special regulations sustain a steady supply of large sunfish, crappie, and the occasional walleye for the frying pan, and large bass for the camera. Near the pristine shores of this lake are a cart-in campground and canoe-in campsites, all free from the traffic and noise of traditional drive-in camping.

Annie can also be the starting point for an exploration of the park by canoe or kayak on the connecting creeks. The restored historic Glendalough lodge on the north side of the lake details the park's history as a private retreat and game farm for the Minneapolis Tribune.

A paved bike trail loop and numerous hiking trails, including two interpretive trails, meander along five lakes, through rich woods and blooming prairies. Wildlife abounds year-round, and there are many observation decks along the trails. Trails are groomed in winter for skiing and snowshoeing. Picnicking and swimming is available on two sandy lakes.

**NATURALIST PROGRAMS & PARK TOURS:** Park shares a naturalist with Lake Carlos State Park. Call park office for more information.

**BUILDINGS & ATTRACTIONS:** Molly outdoor Picnic Shelter, historic Lodge, and Dining Hall are now available to rent and can be reserved by calling the park.

## PARK HIGHLIGHTS

Cart-in Tent Camping • Wildlife Observation  
Heritage Fishing/Large Panfish • Hiking  
Sandy Swimming Beach • Equipment Rentals  
Canoeing on Chain of Lakes

**Hours: Best time to contact the park is:**

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## Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

### SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

### CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

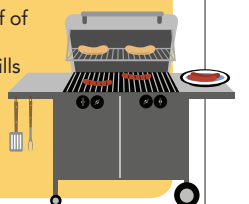
### PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

### FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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#### SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

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### TORNADO WARNING

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### HIGH WIND WATCH

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### High Wind Warning

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## Cleaning Vinyl Boat Seats

There are few things more frustrating for a boat owner than mildew stains taking over your vinyl seats and comfy cushions. Not only are the black spots unattractive, but they can keep you from enjoying your time on board and even diminish the overall value of your boat. If you catch it early on, removing mold and mildew is fairly simple and can breathe new life into your boat's interior. Keep reading to check out a few of our top tips for cleaning and maintaining vinyl boat seats on your pontoon boat.

### Routine Cleaning

One of the best ways to prevent mold and mildew from appearing on your vinyl seats is to keep up with a regular boat maintenance schedule. Stock your first-aid kit with alcohol wipes that you can grab for quick spot cleaning.

### On cleaning day:

- Make a solution of 1 gallon of water and 1/4 cup of mild soap.
- Use a soft cloth or sponge to wipe the vinyl in a circular motion, avoiding pooling water in the seams.
- Rinse the seats with clean water and a clean cloth to remove excess soap.

### Deep Cleaning

Deep cleaning should be addressed whenever you put your boat away for the winter, mid-season and as you bring it back out in the spring. After cleaning with a mild soap solution and clean cloth, allow seats to dry completely and apply a vinyl cleaner with a soft-bristled brush or clean cloth.

### Removing Deep Stains

Alcohol wipes work well to remove mold and mildew stains from the surface of your vinyl seats. Avoid using harsh cleaners that contain ammonia, bleach, Windex

or Simple Green. They can easily scrub off or sand down the material.

### Replacing Vinyl Seats

While you may be able to remove surface stains if you catch the problem early on, in many cases, the mold and mildew may penetrate the cushions. If that is the case, you may need to invest in new cushions or seat skins.

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## Protect Your Oak Trees

Oak wilt is a disease that kills oaks. It's spread by sap-eating beetles, attracted to wounds on oak. Don't prune oak trees from April – July, when the beetles are most active.

### Oak wilt

Oak wilt is a deadly disease that affects all species of oaks (*Quercus*) found in Minnesota. It is caused by a non-native, invasive fungus (*Bretziella fagacearum*, formerly *Ceratocystis fagacearum*). The fungus invades the water-conducting vessels of oaks, eventually killing infected trees. While the oak wilt pathogen can infect all oak species, those in the red oak group (leaves with pointed lobes) die about two months after infections. Bur oaks die between one and seven years after infection, while white oaks die from one to over 20 years after infection.

Oak wilt infection spreads in two ways: above ground by sap beetles and below ground through roots that have grown together, called root grafts.

Other oak problems can easily be confused with oak wilt.

### Location

Oak wilt was first discovered in Minnesota around 1945. Today oak wilt is widespread in the southern half of Minnesota and continues to expand its range northward. To date, oak wilt covers about one-third of the area where most Minnesota oaks grow. The DNR's forest health unit wants to slow the northward progression of oak wilt, so we focus on early detection, coordinating control efforts on private lands in Morrison and Pine counties, and helping control oak wilt on public lands at the northern edge of where oak wilt is found.

If you know of oak wilt anywhere in Pine, Kanabec, the northern half of Mille Lacs County, the northern half of Morrison County, Todd County, and all areas to the north, please report with the Great Lakes Early Detection Network app (link is external) or the EDDMapS website (link is external). Take two photographs of a wilting tree to submit through the app or website: a photograph of the entire canopy and a close-up showing freshly fallen leaves or leaves on a branch. If you don't have a smart phone or the internet, report likely oak wilt to your local DNR forestry office.

[https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/treecare/forest\\_health/oakwilt/index.html](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/treecare/forest_health/oakwilt/index.html)



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